

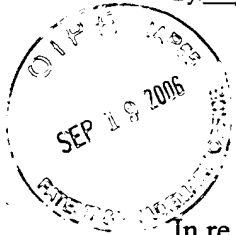
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 19, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is filed herewith. Also submitted currently is an information disclosure statement (IDS) under 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.